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JOURNALISM IN JAVA.

Editors Prosecuted in Batavia.

Mr F. H. K. Zaalberg, the editor of the
Batavia "Nieuwsblad," appeared before the
Public Prosecutor, on the 20th inst., to
answer a charge of publishing, without per-
mission, a certain document from the Gov-
ernment archives, giving the programme
drawn up by General Van Heutsz, on taking
up the appointment of Governor-General.

The editor explained that he received no
permission to publish the document, but
he did not think that there was any harm
in making it public. It was printed at the
Government Press, and was marked Secret,
but the editor thought that the Govern-
ment would not object to its publication,
and he placed at the public being enlight-
ened as to the Governor-General's policy,
which was one of good intentions.

The Public Prosecutor met this by show-
ing a letter from the Government Secre-
tary stating that the document in question
belonged to the archives, and that the
publication had never been authorised.

Mr Zaalberg retorted by referring to a
recent declaration of the Minister for the
Colonies, that the Netherlands India
Government would not undertake Press
prosecutions so readily as previously. An
adjournment followed.

Other Java papers have reprinted the
programme or had given extracts from it,
and people wonder whether the editors will
be prosecuted also under the same out-
date statute. As matters stand, the
Government is not likely to go so far, and
will be satisfied with making the editor of
the "Nieuwsblad" liable.

It should be noted that, at first, the
public took the programme to be a huge
joke on the part of the editor, so full was
it of platitudes, commonplaces, plagiarisms
and high sounding phrases. No one
thought that the Governor-General, a man
of sound understanding, really drew it up.

The editor of the "Nieuwsblad" exclaiming
by remarks that journalists in Netherlands
India must always be prepared to be ex-
perimented upon by Government in the
application of a misty statute which had
for years been stowed away in the pigeon
holes of the bureaucracy. He urges the
public, who have every interest in the
Press being free, to take action and peti-
tion the Dutch Parliament and the House
Government to put an end to such
prosecutions.

Mr K. Wybrands, the editor of the
"Nieuws van den Dag" appeared before the
Court of Justice at Batavia, on November
18, to meet the charge of having published
documents from the Government archives
without official permission. These docu-
ments were extracts from official corre-
pondence in the South Sumatra torture
case, the statute under which the proceed-
ings were taken requires penalties of from
1,000 to 2,000 guilders in fines.

At the outset of the proceedings, the
Public Prosecutor asked the editor whether
he intended to reveal the name of the
person who gave him the documents, and
the editor inferred, from the way the official
put the question, that the prosecution
would be stopped were the name dis-
closed. Yet, the Public Prosecutor did
not show the least surprise when the
editor answered that he had no inten-
tion whatever to reveal the name. The
same official then asked the editor
whether the Government had author-
ised the publication of the documents.
The answer was in the negative, and this
concluded the preliminary examination.
The statute under which the prosecution is
based dates from 1854. The editor asks
why the Government did not dig up other
statutes also which forbade torture, and
prohibit the passing of sentences based
upon evidence extracted by torture or
other unlawful means. The torture, he
said, escaped punishment, but he was
prosecuted for revealing their crime.—
"Straits Times."

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NOLAN.—At the Government Civil
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Son.

DEATH.

YOUNG.—On the 6th December, in Lon-
don, WILLIAM STEWART YOUNG, senior
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MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Auctions.
11 a.m.—Auction of English Gold & Silver
Jewellery, at Messrs Hughes & Hough's
Sales Rooms.
5 p.m.—Auction of a Quantity of Toys,
at Mr Geo. P. Lammett's Sales Room.

General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, December 11:—
2 p.m.—Bazaar at City Hall.
Goods per Peshawar not cleared at 4 p.m.
on this date subject to rent.
Goods per Benavly undelivered after this
date subject to rent.
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after this date subject to rent.
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date subject to rent.
THURSDAY, December 12:—
9 p.m.—Performance at City Hall.
FRIDAY, December 13:—
Goods per China undelivered after noon
on this date subject to rent.
Goods per Nile not cleared at 4 p.m.
on this date subject to rent.
SATURDAY, December 14:—
5 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Cricket
Club at Club Pavilion.

The China Mail

HONGKONG, MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1907.

THE AMERICAN CRISIS.

EVIDENTLY the crisis in America is not yet over. The cables almost daily tell us that great financial concerns in different parts of the country are suspending payment and that the wave of immigration which for so long has flowed America-wards is now receding towards Europe. The fact that no reduction of the Bank rate at Home has been announced is in itself sufficient proof that the financial stringency continues. The last American mail brought papers published at the time of the Knickerbocker Trust collapse and from their columns can be obtained an approximately accurate view of what, in America, was considered to be the cause of the collapse. To Mr Roosevelt's attitude towards the great financial and commercial concerns is attributed the whole disaster by a section of the press and some of the leading financiers. One of the Vice-Presidents of the Knickerbocker Trust declared in set terms that Mr Roosevelt had broken down the credit system of the country. This cry is echoed by several journals which are politically opposed to Mr Roosevelt but they are by no means unanimous. "The Nation," a sane and conservative New York weekly, which is anti-Republican and anti-tariff and therefore unlikely to be an apologist for a Republican President states that, while it has to be admitted that the President is to some extent responsible, it is ridiculous to say that he is chiefly accountable. The real cause of the crisis was the attempt to corner United Copper. A number of financiers who controlled many of the banks and trust companies used the resources of the banks to further their own financial schemes in this connection. When these schemes collapsed the banks came down with their exploiters. Those were the men who were mainly responsible and this was at once recognised by the leading financiers in New York, who refused assistance to the concerns which were shaky until they jettisoned the officers who had brought about the troubles. When Messrs F. R. Thomas, who had connections with the Mercantile National Bank, the Hamilton Bank and the Consolidated National Bank, and Messrs Heinze, Morse and Barney who were associated with Mr Thomas in some of these and other financial institutions, were thrown overboard the position greatly improved. But public confidence will never be properly restored until the banking laws which operate in New York are amended. At present the deposit banks can only invest in securities which can be quickly turned into money, as they are subject to a sudden call for cash. Further they are required to keep on hand in cash 7 to 25 per cent of their deposit liabilities. The trust companies, which were originally established to perform the duties previously carried on by trustees,

some ten or twelve years ago began to accept deposits subject to call, that is to say they carried on a similar kind of business to that of the deposit banks.

The essential difference was, however, that they were hampered by few of the restrictions which secured the banks against suspension, except when there happened to be an exceptional loss of confidence. Last year an Act was brought into operation requiring trust companies in New York to maintain a reserve amounting to 15 per cent of their deposit liabilities, one third of which was to be in cash. That this law is inadequate is shown by the incidents of the last few months. When the laws are improved America should be secure from any repetition of the late disturbances. The main effect of the crisis has been to call attention to the defectiveness of the laws controlling the concerns to which the people's savings have been entrusted, and the elimination of the undesirable financiers who used the resources of the banks they controlled for speculative purposes. We believe that the "Commercial and Financial Chronicle," the leading authority in New York, is correct when it says: "the developments warrant the conclusion that, as a whole, our financial institutions are, at the core, sound and healthy. It seems also correct to say that they hold a body of assets possessing worth and intrinsic merit." In all probability most of the concerns which have suspended will be reconstructed and the actual loss, as against the paper loss, resulting from the crisis will be comparatively small.

In the interests of the Colony we think that the Government might well write Sir Matthew Nathan to ask for information on the subject of white ant extermination as carried on in Natal. The treatment consists in the volatilisation of a mixture of arsenic. The deadly fumes are driven by a powerful air pump costing £4 into the galleries of the nest, permeating every part of it as evidenced by the issue of jets of smoke from unsuspected apertures for several yards round the main shaft. In this Colony white ants are very destructive and cost property holders an enormous amount. Either the Government or the property owners should enquire about the experiments being conducted in Natal.

If the remarks of a Minneapolis paper can be taken to reflect the real conditions in the United States China has no cause to hide her blushes when opium is mentioned. The "Minneapolis Agriculturist" makes bold to say that the vice of opium smoking is worse in America than it is in China—which will be news to many who have brought themselves to imagine that China is the only country in the world where opium is consumed to excess. According to the paper quoted America consumes twice as much opium per capita as does China—which seems a strong statement seeing that the population of China is accepted as being somewhere in the region of 400,000,000. The paper points out that the vice is a secret one and too little is said about it by reformers of social evils, but the fact is that statistics show that about one out of eighty of the American population is addicted to opium in some form. If this is a fact it is high time that American public sentiment awoke to the peril that is confronting their manhood and womanhood. "Many users of the drug, especially 'Indies,' the paper says, 'would indignantly deny that they are opium fiends. They never visit an 'opium joint' or 'hit the pipe.' They only take some 'patent medicine' which soothes their pain or stops their cough or gives them new strength and rejuvenated spirits. They feel better after taking the concoctions, and may never realize that they are opium fiends. Cigarettes are dosed with opium and yet growing boys are permitted to buy and smoke them openly. Even the liquor traffic may not be outlasted by the debauchery of opium in America, far more demoralising than it is in China.' Here is what the Americans themselves would call a "tough proposition" for some of the social reformers to tackle.

LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.

This afternoon a number of griffins are to be disposed of by drawing. They are said to be a sound lot.

Two native banks in Kirin have suspended payment in consequence of the commercial depression.

His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard's photograph appears in the current issue of the "Far Eastern Review."

Just before the steamer Wai Shun cleared from Weihaiwei for Hongkong a Chinaman jumped overboard and was drowned.

Fire broke out in the Oriental Hotel, in Kobe on Dec. 3, and the annex was destroyed. No lives were lost, but the damage was by no means small.

To-day the dollar was quoted at 1s 11½d., the lowest since October, 1903. It is two years since the dollar was below 2s in value.

The annual general meeting of the Old Voluntary Society takes place this afternoon at the office of the Hon. Mr H. E. Pollock, Bank Buildings.

With reference to the new Chinese weights and measures the Chinese Minister to Paris has wired that he has obtained the proper models and will send them to China shortly.

Mr Donald MacDonald, who was Engineer-in-chief at the Quarry Bay Shipyard, is now Consulting Engineer for the works with Messrs Butterfield and Swire in London.

Regulations for the introduction of wireless telegraphy have been issued by the Peking Board of Communication for consideration with the idea of introducing it largely into China.

The Peking Government has instructed H.E. Yang Shih-ch'i, Special Commissioner to Visit Chinese subjects residing in the South Pacific islands, and to conclude a tariff treaty with Sim.

The Governors of all the Chinese provinces have been directed to report fully on all inland waterways and openings for navigation and trade, and to promote all new schemes for extended water services in future.

Telegrams from Japanese sources at Newchwang announce repeated outrages by the Chinese in Chientao, on the Manchurian-Korean frontier. Mr Hayashi, the Japanese Minister at Peking, is protesting to the Waiwupu.

We are told that an interesting wedding was celebrated yesterday in the R. C. church, the bride being 69 or 70 years of age, and the bridegroom 55 or 56. The wedding was witnessed by a large number of guests and spectators.

Special Commissioner Yang Shih-ch'i has recommended Mr Liu Tseh-sun, one of the prominent Chinese merchants in Sim, to the Throne as being the most suitable man for the post of Chinese Consul in Bangkok.

It is reported that after a long discussion about the Japanese priests in Fukien, the Minister at Peking has agreed to the proposal of the Chinese Government that the priests may travel in the province, but must not preach to the natives.

It is reported that Wu Ting-fang has been ordered by their Majesties to compile a minute report upon the laws common to the states of the U.S.A., civil, criminal and commercial laws and law of procedure as well as constitution and also financial questions.

Our Swatow correspondent writes under date of Dec. 7:—A new German Consul has arrived, and a German gunboat is in the harbour. The "Chao Po" newspaper has suspended publication. Mr 'Wong, of the railway, is, I believe, the sole creditor to the tune of some 8000 of his hard-earned Sumatran dollars.

For stealing seventeen brass bits, a quantity of screws, looks, hinges and pieces of brass, a coolie was sent to goal for three weeks with six hours in the stocks or an additional fourteen days' hard labour. He pleaded he bought the brass bits some six or seven years ago and that the screws, etc., were given to him by an European in the Naval Yard. He was also employed in the Naval Yard. Mr Hazeland did not believe his story.

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A TRAM SMASH.

Yesterday afternoon a coolie in charge of a load of wood collided with a tram and smashed the windows in the back portion, the damage being estimated at \$25. The owner of the wood paid half the damage, and the hirer of the cart paid the balance, while the coolie in charge of the cart was held before the Magistrate this morning and fined \$10 for reckless handling of the cart. The fine was paid. At the time of the smash there were a number of Europeans in the car who narrowly escaped being cut by the flying glass.

NAVAL AND MILITARY MISSIONARY FESTIVAL.

A special Missionary Service will be held in St. John's Cathedral on Wednesday, December 11, at 9 p.m., for members of the Army and Navy. This special Service being held for the purpose of giving information on Missions, and not to raise funds, there will be no collection. All members of the Army and Navy, their families and friends, are cordially invited to be present. We understand that the Governor and Lady Lugard and Admiral Moore will be present. During the Service the anthem "Sun of my Soul" will be sung, and the Solo parts will be taken by Mrs Barrett and Master J. Stuart (Soprano), Mrs Perkins (Contralto), Mr S. Moore (Tenor), and Mr F. A. Biden (Bass). The duet "Love Divine" will be sung by Mrs Kow and Mr E. B. Ayris. A sermon will be preached by the Right Reverend The Lord Bishop of Victoria.

A PSEUDO DETECTIVE.

Mr C. Arnold, of Quarry Bay, lost some jewellery whilst watching the procession last week and reported the matter to No. 2 Police Station. On Saturday evening he was approached by a Chinaman who said he was a detective and Mr Arnold asked him if he had found anything out about his lost jewellery. While walking together the alleged detective offered to find the jewellery if Mr Arnold gave him \$20, but this he would not do and as the detective showed by his conversation that he did not know the inspector or sergeants in No. 2 Police Station Mr Arnold held him until a policeman arrived and gave him in charge. Mr Golding appeared for the defence at the Magistrate this morning, but Mr Hazeland convicted and fined the accused \$25, or six weeks' imprisonment.

A PROCESSION INCIDENT.

During the progress of the procession on Saturday a coolie approached one of the bearers of the dragon and told him that his son was ill at home. He wanted to secure a charm from the dragon with which to cast out the bad joss. The bearer said he could not support the drum and cut off a piece at the same time, and told the coolie to help himself. The latter did so and was seen by some of the bystanders, who raised the cry of "thief." Two or three of those taking part in the pageant rushed in the direction indicated and seized an old decrepit man handling him rather roughly. He protested his innocence and the coolie who had the piece of silk admitted his guilt, but seeing the ominous looks of his questioners he bolted. Chase was given but the coolie fled into the police station and was there kept until all danger had passed. It is to be hoped his charm was effectual; he certainly risked a lot to get it. Several times during the progress of the dragon through the streets women with infants on their backs ran underneath presumably for good joss.

VISCOUNT AOKI'S RECALL.

TOKYO, December 4.
His Excellency, Viscount Aoki, who has been interviewed at Washington, states that he is returning home for the purpose of reporting verbally to his Government on a number of subjects, including immigration. His return can in no way be construed as an indication of any unfriendliness between the two nations, for the American Government knows very well that Japan is disposed to be one of her best friends.

The adjustment of the immigration question, said the Ambassador, presented no problem of any serious nature.

New York, December 4.
It is reported that Viscount Aoki, Japanese Ambassador at Washington, has informed President Roosevelt that he has been summoned to Tokyo for a conference on questions pending between the United States and Japan.

A belief is prevalent that this in reality means the Ambassador's recall, such a decision having been prompted by the antagonism of the Progressive party.

Mr Root, Secretary of State, says that there is no break in the relations of the two countries.

TOKYO, December 4.
The recall of Viscount Aoki, Japanese Ambassador at Washington, is confirmed, but the step has not been taken with a view to make Japan's policy in America more aggressive, inasmuch as the relations between the two countries remain most friendly, and Japan hopes to make them still closer.—"N. C. Daily News."

It is evident that intelligent Chinese have come to recognize that in spite of our exclusion policy of which not only they but other Asiatics are disposed to complain, we have given more proofs of sincere good will than have been forthcoming from any other western nation, and may with good reason be looked upon as their country's best friend.—"New York Sun."

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BY TELEGRAPH.

POLICING THE WEST RIVER.

(Chinese Mail's Service)

PEKING, December 8.

Tit Liang, the Secretary of War, strongly objects to the policing by Great Britain of the West River, and it is stated that the matter is down for re-consideration.

The Swatow Protest.

(From Our Correspondent.)

SWATOW, Dec. 7.

Swatow, of all places in China to participate in the hysterical agitation now rampant against the employment of British gunboats for the suppression of piracy about Canton! I was surprised to hear that on the 4th instant a meeting was held here at which the usual nervous patriotism manifested itself and the senseless performance brought to a fitting close by the sending of a senseless telegram to the Waiwupu. Prominent in this assembly, or so-called, as I learn from the Chinese newspapers, were the compradors of a prominent foreign firm, and the editor of the local newspaper, weight and dignity as well, were given to the assembly by the presence of a large number of "students," many of them of the mature age of eight or thereabouts. The fact that the per capita wealth of this district is so high is due in an overwhelmingly large measure to the money made by the natives in British colonies, under British law and protection, and from British trade and traders. Without the money from the Straits Settlements, which has been steadily enriching this district for many years, it would be far less prosperous than it is.

Viewing the matter in its more correct and larger aspect as an anti-dynastic, anti-foreign rather than an anti-British exhibition, it becomes more remarkable! It is a fact that the wealth of this place comes almost entirely, if not entirely from foreign sources. The newspaper man knows very well that his newspaper would not run very long if it were not for the foreigner's money earned by his clansman—the hakkas—in foreign countries. As for his fellow countryman, the comprador, it is a well-known fact that he and his employer make their money from trade—mostly foreign—and the coolie business. The comprador must surely have been laughing in his sleeve at the whole performance! He has a strong sense of humour, that I know, and he knows full well that it is the foreigners money that places him in a sufficient prominent position to justify his leadership. In Swatow there is much jealousy between the compradors of the four leading foreign firms—three of them British—and while the participating comprador might think he has scored off the others I do not think anyone else does, least of all the remaining three of the quartette. As for the students (?) who attended, and also paraded our village streets with drum and bugle the least said is the soonest. The most charitable construction to be placed on their actions is that they are due to exuberance of youth—but still one cannot help reflecting that it is the foreigners' money that allows them to be sent to school instead of being turned into "agricultural labourers."

The people—the law abiding villagers—in Canton never started this agitation. They fear piracy and want the waterways kept clear for traffic. Then, if the agitation was not started by that class who could have started and engineered it? It couldn't be the pirates, or those who profit by piracy could it? Or the revolutionist? Perish the thought! Though the British could enlighten the Chinese on the subject—if they need enlightenment—I do not think any explanation is wanted or needed. The Chinese know the British never act in ignorance, or without good cause.

NEW PAPER MONEY.

The "Revolutionary" Bank.

(From Our Correspondent.)

SWATOW, December 7.

I presume the Chinese authorities have seen our latest paper money? I saw a note the other day. On one side in English, and on the other side in French is printed—red ink on white paper—the following. (I quote the English version): "The Chinese Revolutionary Government promises to pay the bearer One Hundred Dollars after one year of its establishment in China, on demand at the Treasury of the said Government in Canton or its agents abroad. January 1, 1908. (signed) The President, Sun Wen. In addition to a number, the paper is watermarked."

MACAO-CANTON RAILWAY.

The "Universal Gazette," a Chinese paper, says: "The Cantonese have decided to build the railway between Canton and Macao with China's own funds and have asked the Waiwupu to confirm the cancellation of the agreement with Portugal."

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